

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1 and 4-9 and ADD new claims 10-11 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine, having a stationary platen securely mounted on a base of the injection molding machine and a moving platen movable on the base with respect to the stationary platen, the clamping mechanism comprising:

guide faces formed at either one of the moving platen and the base; and

adjusting mechanisms fixed to the other of the moving platen and the base in such a manner as to freely abut against the guide faces;

wherein ~~the each~~ adjusting mechanism abuts against ~~the each~~ guide face, ~~thus such that the adjusting mechanism may adjusting~~ the inclination of the moving platen with respect to the stationary platen in a horizontal direction; and

wherein a position of at least one element of the adjusting mechanism against the guide face is varied in order to adjust the inclination of the moving platen in a horizontal direction.

2. (ORIGINAL) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein the moving platen is a movable platen, to which a movable side mold is fixed.

3. (ORIGINAL) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein the moving platen is a rear platen, which is disposed opposite to the stationary platen with respect to the movable platen.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the guide faces is formed at the inside surface of a base frame forming the base, and each of the adjusting mechanisms is disposed under the moving platen.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the guide faces is formed at a side surface in the lower portion of the moving platen, and each of the adjusting mechanisms is mounted on the base frame.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the adjusting mechanisms is provided with a fixing shaft having a leg and a head deviated from the axis of the leg and a rotary roller rotating around the head of the fixing shaft, and is fixed to the moving platen or the base in such a manner that the rotary roller abuts against the guide face.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the adjusting mechanisms comprises a fixing member having a slope and a slide plate having a slope adapted to come into contact with the slope of the fixing member, said fixing member ~~is-being~~ attached to said base or said moving platen in a manner such that the slope of the fixing member is opposite one of the guide faces, and said slide plate ~~is-being~~ attached to the fixing member so that the face of the slide plate, opposite the slope thereof, comes into contact with said guide face, allowing the slide plate to penetrate between the guide face and the slope of the fixing member.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the adjusting mechanisms includes a fixing member fixed to the base or the moving platen, a screw screwed to the fixing member and a plate disposed at the tip of the screw, the plate sliding with respect to one of the guide faces.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the adjusting mechanisms includes a fixing member fixed to the base or the moving platen, a screw screwed to the fixing member and a plate with a roller disposed at the tip of the screw, the roller rolling with respect to the guide face.

10. (NEW) A clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine, comprising:
a base;
a moving platen movable on the base;

at least two guide faces each formed at an inside surface of the base; and
at least two adjusting mechanisms, each adjusting mechanism fixed to and disposed under the moving platen, each adjusting mechanism abutting against one of the guide faces and having at least one element that adjusts against the guide face;
wherein each adjusting mechanism is adjustable such that the moving platen is inclined in a horizontal direction relative to a vertical axis of the moving platen.

11. (NEW) A clamping mechanism for an injection molding machine, comprising:
a base;
a moving platen movable on the base, the moving platen having a lower portion;
at least two guide faces each formed at a side surface in the lower portion of the moving platen; and
at least two adjusting mechanisms, each adjusting mechanism mounted on the base, each adjusting mechanism abutting against one of the guide faces and having at least one element that adjusts against the guide face; and
wherein each adjusting mechanism is adjustable such that the moving platen is inclined in a horizontal direction relative to a vertical axis of the moving platen.